Securities and Exchange Commission

FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

§ 260.7a-16 Inclusion of items, differentiation between items and answers, omission of instructions.

Except as expressly provided otherwise in the particular form, the application, statement, or report shall contain all of the items of the form as well as the answers thereto. The items shall be made to stand out from the answers by variation in margin or type or by other means. All instructions shall be omitted.

[6 FR 981, Feb. 15, 1941]

§ 260.7a-17 Quality, color and size of paper.

The application, statement or report, including all amendments and, where practicable, all papers and documents filed as a part thereof, shall be on good quality, unglazed, white paper, no larger than $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 inches in size. To the extent that the reduction of larger documents would render them illegible, such documents may be filed on paper larger than $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 inches in size.

[47 FR 58239, Dec. 30, 1982]

§ 260.7a-18 Legibility.

- (a) The application, statement or report, including all amendments and, where practicable, all papers and documents filed as a part thereof, shall be clear, easily readable and shall be typewritten, mimeographed, printed or prepared by any similar process which, in the opinion of the Commission, produces copies suitable for repeated photocopying and microfilming.
- (b) If printed, the application, statement or report shall be in type not smaller than 10-point, roman type, at least two points leaded.
- (c) All printing, mimeographing, typing or other markings shall be in black ink, except that debits in credit categories and credits in debit categories may be set forth in red or black ink, but shall in all cases be designated in such manner as to be clearly distinguishable as such on photocopies.

 $[5\ {\rm FR}\ 293,\ {\rm Jan.}\ 25,\ 1940,\ {\rm as}\ {\rm amended}\ {\rm at}\ 47\ {\rm FR}\ 58239,\ {\rm Dec.}\ 30,\ 1982]$

§ 260.7a-19 Margin for binding.

The application, statement or report, including all amendments and, where practicable, all papers and documents filed as a part thereof, shall have a back or stitching margin of at least 1½ inches for binding.

§ 260.7a-20 Riders; inserts.

Riders shall not be used. If the application, statement or report is typed on a printed form, and the space provided for the answer to any given item is insufficient, reference shall be made in such space to a full insert page or pages on which the item number and item shall be restated and a complete answer given.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AS TO CONTENTS

§ 260.7a-21 Clarity.

The answer to each item of the particular form shall be so worded as to be intelligible without the necessity of referring to the instructions or to this part.

§ 260.7a-22 Information unknown or not reasonably available.

Information required shall be given insofar as it is known or can be obtained by reasonable investigation. Responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information obtained from persons other than affiliates may be disclaimed. As to information which is unknown and is unavailable after reasonable investigation, there shall be included a statement as to the nature of the investigation.

§ 260.7a-23 Statements required where item is inapplicable or where answer is "none".

If any item is inapplicable or the answer is "none", a statement to such effect shall be made.

§ 260.7a-24 Words relating to periods of time in the past.

Unless the context clearly shows otherwise, wherever any fixed period of time in the past is indicated, such period shall be computed from the date of filing with the Commission.